



Inter Office

Automotive Assembly Division
Ohio Truck Plant

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TO: Mr. A. M. Twilley
CC: Mr. F. J. Merta
FROM: R. W. Eichholz
SUBJECT: E-Coat Resin Spill - July 13, 1979

At about 1:00 a.m. on July 13, 1979, the plant E-coat resin tank overflowed while being filled from a vendor tanker. Approximately 200 gallons of material was discharged to the immediate area before the tanker pump could be shut down. A portion of the overflow reached a storm sewer located approximately forty feet from the tank and estimates are that between five and ten gallons of resin entered the sewer before the flow could be stopped.

Mr. Bradley of your office was immediately notified and provided us with information (concerning the resin) to be used when reporting the spill to the appropriate government agents. The local Coast Guard spill alert team was dispatched and arrived on the site. They expressed major concern on the actual hazardous content of the discharged matter. At the same time our own plant forces had cleaned up the major portion of the spill and were pumping storm sewer lines wherever possible.

Mr. Bradley was able to contact Mr. Amber of SSEC and he informed us that the resin was not a hazardous material and that no further action was required on the plant's part. The Coast Guard team was then notified and they agreed and considered the case closed. Before leaving they did express appreciation for notifying them since the resin emulsion did cause a considerable amount of discoloration in the storm sewer discharge and that any civil complaints could be easily handled since we had reported the incident.

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